

BECKER IN FEAR OF TOMBS PLOT

Holds Aloof from Fellow
Prisoners in Belief They
Carry News to Whitman.

CHAFES AT DELAY IN MOVE FOR TRIAL

District Attorney Still Seeking
New Evidence and Will Not
Be Ready Until May.

Charles Becker, ex-police lieutenant, has suffered voluntary solitary confinement in the Tombs, according to his counsel, Joseph A. Shay, since the Court of Appeals granted him a new trial. Since February 26 Becker has occupied cell No. 117 in the first tier and has had communication with no other prisoner.

District Attorney Whitman, who tentatively announced several weeks ago that Becker's second trial for the murder of Herman Rosenthal would be moved on April 13, said yesterday that it might be May before the case was moved for trial.

Mr. Shay, after a visit yesterday to the ex-police officer's cell, said that Becker was desirous of a speedy trial.

"It's getting pretty tiresome," Becker told his counsel, "simply lying on my cot and reading."

Becker has not taken advantage of the "recreation period" granted daily to prisoners. The only exercise he has had has been like that he took in the death house—chinning himself on the bars of his cell door.

He is afraid of his fellow prisoners. He feels that there is not one of them who would not be willing to buy his liberty of the District Attorney by giving damaging testimony against Becker.

Becker informed Mr. Shay that despite his precautions he knew that he was being watched covertly by prisoners who hoped to gain leniency by appearing against him.

Becker has seen no visitors except members of his family and his counsel. Mr. Shay said yesterday that a record of every visit made to Becker was transmitted regularly to the District Attorney's office.

Mr. Whitman said yesterday that although he was anxious to hasten the Becker trial, it might not be moved until May. Despite his utmost endeavors the District Attorney has obtained no new evidence as yet. He wishes to follow several promising leads before moving the case for trial. He said that the condition of the calendar is crowded at present, there being scores of cases which have precedence over Becker.

Mr. Shay has some hope that when the case is moved for trial his motion to dismiss the indictment may be granted. He intends to oppose the District Attorney's motion to put Becker on trial, not with any intention of delaying the case, but in the belief that unless Mr. Whitman has new evidence to offer the second trial of Becker would be a useless expense.

Mr. Shay said that if his motion was overruled and a second trial was had, he would ask for a delay of a month or six weeks in order to perfect his case.

Both Mr. Shay and Charles G. F. Wahl, counsel for the four gunmen, had heard of the story told by "Butch" Witte, which Father James B. Curry is investigating. Mr. Wahl said that he had been trying to put his finger upon Witte for eighteen months.

Although Mr. Shay and Mr. Wahl regard Witte as a valuable witness, Mr. Whitman was inclined to think that his story would prove to be without foundation or immaterial. The District Attorney classed Witte with a number of other "witnesses" who were touted during the preparation of the Becker case, only to find that they were useless.

MAY SELL KODAK FILMS

Eastmans Get Suspension of
the Injunction Against Them.

The United States Circuit Court of Appeals decided yesterday to suspend the injunction against the sales of Eastman Kodak films pending the settlement of the patent infringement case against the Eastman company in favor of the Goodwin Film Company.

The suspension was made conditional on the willingness of the Eastman company to turn over every month 20 per cent of the total sales of the films or give a bond for such payment. J. J. Kennedy, of No. 226 Broadway, counsel for the Eastman company, intimated that it would furnish the bond.

"Old Man, Are You the Gardener?"

The weather's behavior is strange; your disposition is disintegrating. So much for facts. But read our garden hints to aspiring agriculturists. Disposition restored after one reading.

A Permanent Feature of The
SUNDAY TRIBUNE



Jack, the Barnum & Bailey lion cub, and Beauty, his black and tan playmate, posed with Miss Florence Baker at Madison Square Garden.

LION LEADS A DOG'S LIFE AT CIRCUS AND ENJOYS IT

Jack, a Merry Cub, Has Black and Tan Playmate, Who
Steals His Food and Gets Away with It—But
King of Beasts Doesn't Care, He's Happy.

Imagine a playful young lion, with forepaws like a blacksmith, padding up to you and purring to be picked up. Also imagine him running about loose and playing with a black and tan dog. And, further, imagine the black and tan dog taking a chunk of meat away from the lion and living to enjoy it.

Is it any wonder, then, that it takes two special policemen to keep a curious crowd out of the Madison Square Garden, where the Barnum & Bailey Circus is getting ready for the opening Saturday?

Just to prove the thing, Jack was photographed yesterday with Beauty, his little black and tan playmate, and Miss Florence Baker, who leads the women's band in the circus.

Jack is five months old, and so far hasn't shown any savage instincts. He gets his portion of hamburger steak and milk four times a day and plays about merrily. A call from his master, Andrew Zhinzara, who brought him up, and Jack stalks over for orders.

Andrew has a nice big collar for him,

and if he can get a permit he says Jack will be one of the Easter paraders up Fifth avenue.

Andrew is having cards printed with the answer to the question, "How long will he be nice and playful like that?" The answer reads:

"He is a Nubian lion, born in captivity. If no one plagues him and he doesn't see the other animals he will never know he is a lion."

Beauty and Jack play all day, and Beauty thinks she is quite safe in bossing her lion playmate. And so she is—at present.

Another youngster attracting attention is the baby giraffe, a little lady six feet high and two weeks old.

Last night the Garden resounded with strange shouts as the foreign performers practised their hair-raising stunts.

This year there is an animal with the circus even stranger than the banana hound. It is a secret yet, but after the opening night naturalists all over the country will have something to look up.

ADAMSON TO END SCHOOL FIRE PERIL

Remedy May Be Developed To-
day—Engineer Suggests
Use of an Axe.

Official recognition will be given to the danger of fire in many of the public school buildings this afternoon, when Fire Commissioner Adamson, in conference with C. B. J. Snyder, superintendent of buildings of the Department of Education, will discuss the best way of removing the fire hazards.

Although denial of the statements of Charles G. Armstrong, consulting engineer, that the schools were fire traps was made by several officials yesterday, it is known that for two years notices of violations of fire regulations, served by the Fire Department, have been disregarded. This was admitted yesterday by Frank D. Wiley, chairman of the committee on buildings of the Board of Education.

"At the time the orders were issued," he said, "we made a careful survey of the cost of doing everything that the Fire Department wished. The cost would have been \$1,400,000, and when we asked the

Board of Estimate for the money we were refused."

Commissioner Adamson refused to make public the nature of the 600 violations served since 1912, saying that he did not wish to cause unnecessary alarm.

"Mr. Snyder and I will take the matter up on Thursday afternoon," he said, "and decide whether or not the violations are such that they should be remedied, or are merely technical. If we determine that serious risks exist, I will ask the Board of Estimate and the Board of Education for concerted action with this department to do away with the danger."

Mr. Armstrong, who first called official attention to the dangers in July, 1912, repeated his assertion yesterday that the chances could be made without extreme cost. In most instances, he said, the dangers could be removed with an axe.

"Our school buildings," he said, "cost a great deal more than schools in other cities and are no safer. For instance, the cost per cubic foot of a school building in Chicago, exclusive of real estate, is 14 cents; Cleveland, 14.94 cents; throughout New York State, 15.08 cents, and New York City, 23.216 cents. In Montclair is being built a school building superior to anything in this city, and it is being constructed at a cost of 18 cents. The savings which could be effected through economical construction would more than pay for real fireproof schools."

Healy.



You get our point!
Spring overcoats in widest
variety ready now.

Evening and semi-dress
coats of soft rich cloths of
black and oxford grays—silk
lined and silk faced.

Knockabout coats of Scotch
mixtures, many with raglan
shoulders.

"Scotch Mists," for exam-
ple, a specially woven and
rainproof Scotch cheviot ex-
clusively ours.

In time for Spring show-
ers—
\$20 and \$25 tweed Mack-
intoshes.
\$13.50.

ROGERS PEET COMPANY,
Three Broadway Stores
at at at
Warren St. 13th St. 34th St.

COURT RULING WILL MAKE SIEGEL TALK

Must Tell of Assets Under
Decision Barring Plea
of Privilege.

HEARING WEDNESDAY ON DEPOSIT CLAIMS

Lawyers Come to Agreement as
to Settlement—Inventories
of Stores Completed.

Under a ruling by Judge Hand yesterday in a case of the Chemical Bank and the Merchants' Association growing out of the failure of Tobols, Greenthal & Mendelson, clothing manufacturers, Henry Siegel must answer questions to show what became of his fortune and of the properties he controlled. Judge Hand held that a bankrupt cannot take refuge in the plea that to answer might incriminate him.

This ruling, said to be the most important yet made under the bankruptcy law, was on the petition of James N. Rosenberg, counsel for Robert C. Morris, trustee in bankruptcy, for Tobols, Greenthal & Mendelson, for the Chemical Bank and for the Merchants' Protective Association, that Charles A. Tobols, head of the firm, be compelled to tell what had become of his assets. Tobols had claimed constitutional exemption.

"The mere claim of privilege," says Judge Hand, "is not enough to protect a bankrupt in declining to answer questions. He must submit to a full cross-examination as to his property."

"The ruling," said Mr. Rosenberg, who is counsel also for the receivers of the 14th Street Store and the Simpson Crawford Company, "means that a bankrupt cannot make a farce of the law by refusing to tell what he has done with his possessions."

The committee of depositors in the Henry Siegel bank announced last night that the sum due to the bank from mercantile creditors has been found to be larger than has been thought, and as a consequence a more satisfactory offer has been made by the Depositors' Realization Corporation. They refused to make known exactly what the offer is.

The Siegel case went before the United States Court yesterday, when Judge Hough issued an order paying the way for an early settlement of the claims of the depositors in the Siegel bank, the lawyers representing the banking and mercantile creditors having reached a tentative agreement. Judge Hough's order provides for a hearing on March 25, at which an order of settlement will be presented for his approval. What the terms would be none of the lawyers could say yesterday. They have agreed that bank deposits went into the stores to a great extent, that depositors have a claim against the stores, and that it is only fair that some agreement be reached whereby they receive at once what is coming to them, avoiding litigation that would eat up a large part, if not all, of that which might be paid to them.

The amount to be paid bank depositors cannot be determined until the bids for the properties have been received and disposed of. It is the purpose of the order to have bids and the compromise offer presented at the same time.

"The depositors of the bank are mostly poor people," said Mr. Rosenberg, "and Messrs. Marble, Sheppard and myself are anxious that they should get it without delay. If we can reach a fair agreement, and I think we can, the matter can be disposed of very shortly."

Siegel and Vogel, through their counsel, Stanchfield & Levy, obtained an order yesterday giving them another week in which to decide whether they will stand on their plea of not guilty entered a week ago.

The inventories of the 14th Street Store and the Simpson Crawford Company were completed yesterday, but have not been tabulated. The stock will be open to inspection by bidders to-day. Leo A. Price, who has been figuring on bidding for the Fourteenth Store as a whole, expects to get an answer from the owners of the property to-day on his offer to take the property at a reduced rent.

Held in Mail Auto Killing.

On suspicion that he might have been the mail chauffeur who killed Mrs. Elizabeth Reilly, Tuesday night in Fourth avenue, near 28th street, Frank O'Dell, of No. 17 Alexander avenue, was arrested yesterday and held in \$500 bail by Coroner Healy.

Senior Valedictorian Elected.

Adelbert Fortunato Smithers, of this city, was elected valedictorian of the senior class of Columbia College at the election of class officers yesterday. The other officers chosen are: Presentation orator, W. Kenneth Watkins; ivy orator, J. Howard Purdy; class historian, H. Kirby Grafton; class prophet, James Madison Blackwell, all of New York City, and class poet, Louis Jabine, of Yonkers.

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Western Union Official
Ready to Help 'Change
End "Illegal" Service.

PROMISE MADE IN DEAL FOR CONTRACT

Broker Called by Governing
Board to Tell About
"Suspected" Firm.

Belvidere Brooks, vice-president of the Western Union Telegraph Company, with whom the New York Stock Exchange is negotiating for a new contract, by which it hopes to put bucket shops out of business, declared yesterday that his company would give the exchange all the aid that it could.

"We will cancel any contract for a leased wire if it is being used for a bucket shop or other illegal purpose," he said.

"We supply no bucket shops with quotations. If the exchange will come to us, tell us that a place using our wires is improperly using its property—that is to say, the quotations of the exchange—we will find out where the quotations are obtained and inform the exchange. If it then shows that the quotations are improperly used we will cut off the service."

"We have no desire for bucket shop business, but we lease thousands of miles of wires to Stock Exchange houses, and we have no means of knowing that the persons to whom they supply quotations may not be all right, or that those whom the correspondents of the exchange in turn serve are not conducting a proper business."

"That is more than the Western Union has ever agreed to do before," said a member of the governing committee yesterday when the matter was presented to him. "It has insisted that the places be raided before anything was done in the matter of cutting wires. As it is, it insists upon the right to allow its wires to be used to transport stolen goods until such time as we may be able to catch the thief."

"It is nonsense for the company to say it does not know a bucket shop when it sees one. There's not an operator in its employ who cannot tell the difference between a house legitimately receiving and using quotations and one that is not."

That the exchange is in earnest in its efforts to stamp out the bucket shops was shown yesterday by a call upon a member of the exchange to explain what relations, if any, his firm has or has had with a suspected firm.

PREVENTS MOTHER FROM KILLING BABY

Doctor Restrains Insane Parent
from Throwing Child Out
of the Window.

Dr. Pioner W. Bergen, speeding yesterday in an ambulance from St. Mary's Hospital, Jamaica, was just in time to prevent a mother suddenly afflicted with acute mania from throwing her three-year-old child from a window.

Walter Daily's seven-year-old son ran crying from the house, in Union Course, Queens. Eagerly he glanced up and down the street. Then, seeing an officer, he hastened to him.

"Please help us," he said. "Mamma is acting funny."

The policeman found the mother, Mrs. Violet Daily, twenty-eight years old, raving about the house. She was beating her daughter Violet, three years old. As the doctor approached she made a dash for a window with the apparent intention of throwing the child out. Quick action on the part of Dr. Bergen restrained her.

Mrs. Daily was forced into an ambulance and taken to the Kings County Hospital for observation. Then the doctor turned his attention to Violet.

"Mrs. Daily appeared to be suffering from acute paranoia," said Dr. Bergen.

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NOW DENIES CONFESSION Tovey Case Goes Over.

Mrs. Alice Harding, who says she is the wife of Edward Harding, a corner of Port Jervis, N. Y., decided yesterday to retract a confession involving others in a blackmailing plot against Dr. David M. Tovey, of the Polytechnic Hospital, and so examination of the four defendants in the West Side court was postponed until this afternoon.

Mrs. Harding, James Riley, his wife Ida, and Mrs. Riley's sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Ferguson, were arrested Monday on the complaint of Mrs. Tovey, who lives at No. 220 West 88th street. Mrs. Tovey had arranged to have detectives overhear an attempted extortion.

LOCAL OPTION BILL DEAD

Assembly Committee Against
Vote by Election Districts.

Albany, March 18.—After a three-hour hearing the Assembly Executive Committee to-night, by a vote of 7 to 5, killed the election district local option bill, advocated by the State Anti-Saloon League.

Goethals Sees Miniature Canal.

Colonel Goethals, Mrs. Goethals and a party of ten West Point friends attended the performance of "America" at the Hippodrome last night. The colonel's party was particularly merry when the Panama Canal in miniature was presented with a view of the passage of the first merchant ship. J. P. Wilson, who impersonates the colonel, was presented to the party and was chaffed for wearing a goatee, an ornament discarded some time ago by the canal builder.

AMUSEMENTS.

THESE THEATRES HAVE NO DEALINGS WITH THE YIPSON CO. BEST SEATS CAN BE OBTAINED AT BOX OFFICES.

EMPIRE 44th St., W. of B'way. Evgs. 8:30. Mat. Wed. & Sat., 2:30.

MAUDE ADAMS

LIBERTY 42d St., W. of B'way. Evgs. 8:30. Mat. Wed. & Sat., 2:30.

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GAITY 44th St., W. of B'way. Evgs. 8:30. Mat. Wed. & Sat., 2:30.

ALONG CAME RUTH

BELASCO 44th St., W. of B'way. Evgs. 8:30. Mat. Wed. & Sat., 2:30.

FRANCES STARR

QUEEN OF THE MOVIES

GRAND 44th St., W. of B'way. Evgs. 8:30. Mat. Wed. & Sat., 2:30.

MADISON SQ. GARDEN

Next Saturday Mat. & Eve.

BARNUM & BAILEY

CIRCUS

THE WIZARD

PRINCE OF ARABIA

MONSTER ZOO, FREAK CONGRESS

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NOW ON A. M. UNTIL 9 P. M.

Private box seats, \$2.50. Children under 10, 50c.

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